

TUNG &
ASSOCIATES
Intellectual Property Law

Date: May 15, 2003
TO: Examiner Long Pham
(703) 746-4082
FAX Operator: Kathy Dixon
FAX Number: (248) 540-4035
Telephone Number: (248) 540-4040

Subject Matter: 09/996,864 (67,200-600)

Message:

Total number of pages sent: - 2 - (including this cover sheet)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Cheng-Ku Chen

Group Art Unit: 2823

Serial No.: 09/ 996,864

Examiner: Long Pham

Filed: Nov. 19, 2001

In Response to Office Action
Dated: May 9, 2002

For: Hard Mask Trimming With Thin Hard Mask
Layer and Top Protection Layer

Attorney Docket No.: 67,200-600

#4 Response
M. Baunson
5/22/02

Certificate of Mailing

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.


Kathy Dixon

Date: May 24, 2002

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed May 9, 2002 of a restriction requirement imposed by the Examiner, the Applicants hereby elect with traverse the prosecution of Group II, device claims (claims 1-7 and 17-20).

Respectfully submitted,


Tung & Associates

Randy W. Tung
Reg. No. 31,311
Telephone: (248) 540-4040

BEST AVAILABLE COPY